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Members Present:

Honourable Eva Aariak, Honourable James Arreak, Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Mr. Tagak Curley, Honourable Monica Ell, Mr. Ron Elliott, Mr. Joe Enook, Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Mr. John Ningark, Mr. Johnny Ningeongan, Mr. Hezakiah Oshutapik, Honourable Keith Peterson, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Honourable Fred Schell, Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, Mr. Louis Tapardjuk, Honourable Peter Taptuna, Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Ms. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>*House commenced at 13:31*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Hunter Tootoo): *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Before we proceed, I would like to ask Mr. Ningark to lead us off in a prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. (interpretation ends) Good afternoon, everyone. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Minister Ell.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 182 – 3(3): New Members on the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand before you today as the Minister responsible for the Status of Women to welcome new

members to the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council.

The Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council plays an important role in advocating for women and in advising the minister in matters of importance to all women in our territory.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome Jean Simailak of Baker Lake, Tamara Ohokannoak of Cambridge Bay, Mary Kayasark of Kugaaruk, Charlotte Borg of Iqaluit, Corinne DaBreo of Rankin Inlet, Ayowna Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, and Rosie Kopalie of Iqaluit to the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the council is to advance the goal of equal participation of women in society and promote changes in social, legal, and economic structures. The new members bring a wide variety of experience, knowledge, and skills, ensuring a well-rounded council representative of Nunavut's population.

I would also like to mention the new executive director who joined the council in July, Sandra Inutiq, a graduate of Akitsiraq Law School in 2005 and the first Inuk woman called to the Nunavut Bar. I know that Sandra's experience and skills will be a great asset to the council. Welcome, Sandra.

Mr. Speaker, my best wishes to the council as they work to ensure that Nunavut is a place where women's rights are recognized and respected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. I wish these ladies good luck in their work and achieving what their goals are.

Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Shewchuk.

**Minister's Statement 183 – 3(3):
Congratulations to NTEP
Graduate Laura Merritt**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nunavut Teacher Education Program graduate Laura Merritt of Rankin Inlet.

The University of Regina, Faculty of Education has chosen Laura as this year's winner of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Prize as the Most Outstanding Education Graduate of their fall 2012 convocation. The fall convocation was held on October 20 in Regina and Laura was recognized by the University of Regina President, Dr. Vianne Timmons.

Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Prize is the highest honour awarded to a member of the graduating class receiving a Bachelor of Education Degree in a given convocation ceremony.

Laura has also received the Nunavut Teachers Association Award for Top Academic Performance in the Bachelor of Education Program for Nunavut and the Teaching Practicum Award for the Kivalliq region.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: She is currently employed by the Kivalliq School Operations as a grade 5 teacher at the Simon Alaittuq School in Rankin Inlet.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Teacher Education Program, in partnership with the Department of Education and the University of Regina, offers a campus and community-based degree program that prepares Nunavutmiut to become classroom teachers in Nunavut schools. The success of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program and our graduates would not be possible without the commitment and support of the Government of Nunavut Department of Education.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in extending our sincere congratulations to Laura Merritt, Nunavut Arctic College, and the faculty of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. I, too, extend my congratulations to Laura, as she used to be my next door neighbour as a little kid in Rankin Inlet.

Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Madam Minister Aariak.

**Minister's Statement 184 – 3(3):
Residential School Curriculum**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to tell my fellow members about an incredible new source

for Nunavut's grade 10 students that is helping to teach them about an important part of our shared Canadian history.

(interpretation ends) *Residential Schools in Canada: Understanding the Past, Seeking Reconciliation, Building Hope for the Future* (interpretation) is a unit for our grade 10 social studies students. It is the product of a partnership between the Government of Nunavut, the Government of the Northwest Territories, and the Legacy of Hope Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, many young people have carried the effects of their experiences in residential school forward into their lives as adults, parents, and grandparents. We see the consequences of residential schools in our communities every day and they continue to have an enormous impact on the north.

I am excited that Nunavut's Department of Education took the lead role in this project and that our curriculum staff has worked so hard to make it a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I was lucky enough to be part of the launch of this curriculum in Yellowknife in early October. It was an inspiring event and one that I know touched many lives. I am grateful to have participated and eager to have our students understand the experiences of previous Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Moving on to Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit West, Ms. Ell.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 296 – 3(3): Congratulations to the New Iqaluit Mayor and Council

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to send my greetings and good afternoon to the people of Iqaluit West and long time no see.

First of all this afternoon, I would like to ask everyone to congratulate the new mayor, John Graham, who was elected on October 15. I would also like to congratulate Mary Wilman, Romeyn Stevenson, Joanasie Akumalik, Kenny Bell, Jimmy Kilabuk, Simon Nattaq, Terry Dobbin, and Mark Morrissey.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I wish the newly elected council much success in their work on the city's goals, expectations, and development. With your experience, background, and dedication, you have much to offer and I'm confident that you will contribute and accomplish much. Thank you for all those who volunteered for the candidates and those who worked at the polling stations on election and referendum day.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge and say "thank you" to our outgoing mayor, Madeleine Redfern, and her contribution and hard work during her term as mayor. I wish her, along with the outgoing councillors, all the best in their future endeavours. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Member's Statement 297 – 3(3):
Arctic Winter Games Without
Winter Sports?**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address an issue that is raising concerns across the Arctic, which is the elimination of certain sports from the 2016 Arctic Winter Games.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that much planning goes into organizing a large-scale event such as the Arctic Winter Games with over a thousand athletes, coaches, and staff participating, and all the volunteers who dedicate their time and effort. I appreciate that many decisions need to be made well in advance. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee, just like the International Olympics Committee, must come together several years beforehand to decide how each Games will be hosted.

On September 14 of this year, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee announced the 15 sports that would be included in the 2016 Winter Games to be held in Nuuk, Greenland.

Mr. Speaker, I find it very ironic that five of the sports not to feature in Greenland's 2016 Arctic Winter Games are traditional winter sports that can only take place on ice or snow, features which are only too common in the Arctic. These sports are curling, figure-skating, speed-skating, midget hockey, and dog-mushing. Nunavut athletes have excelled in many of these sports in the past.

Mr. Speaker, many northern athletes, their coaches, parents, and sporting associations are raising concerns about how the decision not to include these sports in the Arctic Winter Games will impact the development of those sports and the future of the athletes involved in them.

Mr. Speaker, athletes from small and remote communities, such as my community of Sanikiluaq, are no strangers to the challenges and difficulties in attending any kind of athletic competition outside of the community, be it regional, territorial, national, or international.

The decision taken by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee is another blow to the hopes and dreams of our aspiring young athletes. Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that the decision to eliminate certain sports from the 2016 Arctic Winter Games will be reconsidered. At the appropriate time, I will ask questions on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat, Mr. Shewchuk.

**Member's Statement 298 – 3(3): 2012
Arviat High School Graduates**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to again acknowledge another proud graduating class of the 2012 graduation ceremonies that took place in August at the John Arnalukjuaq High School in Arviat. The 25 successful graduates are: Gideon Aliktuluk; Emily Angnilirq; Kimberly

Arualak; Seepa Owljoot; Derek Gibbons; Kaylene Gibbons; Rebecca Gibbons; Lazarus Ilunngiak; Rhonda Erkuk; Celina Issarkiak; Miranda Isumatarjuak; Catriona Kablutsiak; Okalik Karetak; Katie Keenak; Roxanne Koonark; Jackie Koomuk; James Koomak; Andrew Kuksuk; Joannie Uksaksiak; Maurice Uksaksiak; Darla Pulapski; Adam Pingusat; Brian Shawbrook; Christopher Shamee; and Brian Sulujuaq.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate all of the graduates, parents, and family members of this class, as well as the hard work and dedication of the teachers who helped them to reach their goals. I also encourage each and every one of them to continue their education in the field that they choose to pursue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Shewchuk. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

**Member's Statement 299 – 3(3):
Community Action towards Food Security**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to the efforts being made by my constituents in Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, and Arctic Bay to address the issue of food security in the High Arctic.

Mr. Speaker, when communities come together, action results.

In Grise Fiord, residents have taken advantage of the Government of Nunavut's Country Food Distribution

Program to invest in a newly refurbished community freezer. Residents of the community have been working together to coordinate sealift ordering and to ensure that the community freezer is well-used.

In Resolute Bay, the Co-op has been working hard to provide board training to members and to strengthen the local store's ordering processes to address issues that have arisen in the past with respect to shortages.

In Arctic Bay, the community rejoiced this summer when our community's hunters successfully harvested a bowhead whale. The sharing of the harvest was a cause for celebration for families, elders, and youth. I also pay tribute the excellent work undertaken by the Saqpik Bowhead Committee, under the supervision of Arctic Bay's Hunters and Trappers Organization, to fundraise towards the hunt.

Mr. Speaker, I firmly believe that while governments at all levels must exercise their responsibilities and invest resources strategically, these efforts can only be successful if they are accompanied by community action and coordination.

I have shared three success stories today, and I look forward to sharing many more with my colleagues in the months ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

**Member's Statement 300 – 3(3):
Medical Client Complaint Process**

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I send my greetings to the residents of Repulse Bay and Kugaaruk. I believe it was yesterday when Hon. Peterson made a Minister's Statement. I agree with the Minister of Health and Social Services and also would like to thank him for his Minister's Statement, especially for the patients from the smaller communities who have to be sent out of the territory.

It seems like the problem is always arising with the patients travelling out of Nunavut. Some of the patients sometimes don't have any place to turn to when they have a concern, even though there seems to be a program within the government where patients can provide their complaints. (interpretation ends) Health and Social Services is revisiting our current patient/client complaints process and I would like to be the first one to acknowledge that from this side of the table. I think it's a long time coming; it's welcome.

(interpretation) Additionally, in the communities to this day, people continue to complain about the lack of hospitality they experience. Although we wish to provide some assistance, we run into policy issues and rules. I ask my colleagues to continue our push and to support our minister so that the minister can ensure that this is undertaken, so that patients who go south for medical treatment and who harbour concerns when they aren't made to feel welcome can relax.

Further, for those of us who have to go for medical treatment, we also have to abide by the rules and listen to the management. However, some people are truthful when they state that they weren't made to feel welcome, so we have to believe their statements and try to provide assistance. Also, some foods are foreign to Inuit and some people complain about the different foods they have to eat while they are staying at boarding homes.

I certainly hope that this initiative will be completed by the minister. If the minister doesn't complete this initiative, we, as regular members, will have to urge its completion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Member's Statement 301 – 3(3): The
Success of the Igloodik Co-op Store**

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to wish a good afternoon to my constituents of Igloodik and Hall Beach.

Mr. Speaker, the reason I rise today is to acknowledge and congratulate the Co-ops. The Co-ops had a co-op week from October 14 to 20, 2012, I believe, in Nunavut and mayhap all of Canada. I will have to see if that was the case, but residents in Nunavut celebrated this week. Additionally, the year 2012 is also recognized by the United Nations as the International Year of Co-operatives.

Mr. Speaker, I was grateful to attend the Hall Beach Co-op AGM, where I was able to listen in. Furthermore, I also was

able to attend the Igloolik Co-op AGM in our community. Mr. Speaker, the reason why I wish to acknowledge and congratulate the Co-ops, particularly in Igloolik, since that is a community I am intimately familiar with, is that in the beginning of the '60s, many Inuit comprised largely of hunters weren't able to participate in any economic development opportunities and were largely passed over.

Moreover, an issue that is continuously raised is the cost of living, especially food costs and food security in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I can state unequivocally that this year in Igloolik, members received well over \$400,000 in dividends that can alleviate food insecurity concerns. It is quite obvious that Inuit are capable of helping their community on their own, even by just being a member of the local co-op. I wanted to acknowledge this fact.

Mr. Speaker, let me recite some names as April 2013 will be the 50th anniversary of the Igloolik Co-op and we are extremely proud of this accomplishment. Also, Father Fumoleau, Mark Evaluardjuk, and Pacome Qulaut, although these last two individuals have passed on, worked passionately to develop a platform to assist their fellow Inuit that would provide assistance to their community by creating the Co-op.

Due to this reason, I urge my colleagues and this House to share our pride in our local co-ops and to wish the continued success of the Co-ops in our future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

**Member's Statement 302 – 3(3):
Tribute to Mariano Aupilardjuk**

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, people of Rankin Inlet and the listening public. I also want to welcome the person whom the minister responsible for Arctic College mentioned, who is from Rankin Inlet, as she is very skilful, Laura Merritt.

Mr. Speaker, the reason I rise today is to commemorate a person who just passed away recently in our community of Rankin Inlet. My heart continues to be heavy due to this loss and it is with respect to Mariano Aupilardjuk, who just passed away.

Mr. Aupilardjuk fought for Inuit rights wherever they were. He told stories of our history and made presentations to youth. He helped out in any way he could. Due to this reason, I want to commemorate the passing of this individual whom the residents of Rankin Inlet took pride in and most Nunavutmiut knew.

Mr. Aupilardjuk was born in the summer of 1923, near the vicinity of the modern-day community of Kugaaruk. My colleague, John Ningark, knew him, as they were cousins.

He was a true leader and provided direction, especially when he spoke, which usually enthralled his audiences. Although he rarely raised his voice, he would capture the audience and he was

always humble whenever he made a presentation.

His whole life, Mr. Aupilardjuk made himself available to provide service to his fellow Inuit and in particular, how we could continue teaching the Inuit way of life, culture, and life skills. He provided assistance to youth and children, especially in teaching them land survival skills, even though we live in one of the harshest environments. He taught both women and men about the values Inuit held dear.

Mr. Aupilardjuk was a dedicated Christian and in his chosen religion, the Roman Catholic Church, he was a layperson and also part of the choir. He also sang traditional songs and told traditional legends.

Mr. Aupilardjuk left behind his children and descendants. He had four daughters and three sons, with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Kugaaruk, Repulse Bay, and Rankin Inlet.

I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, colleagues.

Mr. Aupilardjuk leaves a great void and is mourned by many people, as he was indispensable in his home community of Rankin Inlet, Repulse Bay, as well as

Kugaaruk. I can also state that this may apply to the whole of Nunavut.

Mr. Aupilardjuk was buried in Repulse Bay since he expressed his wish to be returned upon his death and also because his wife, who predeceased him by a year, was buried there.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Aupilardjuk once wrote a letter to me personally where he stated that Inuit can never live like the non-Inuit and we can't live like southerners if we want to retain our lifestyle as Inuit. I pass this message along to my colleagues, especially to the students who are here, whom we will welcome later on.

Mr. Aupilardjuk was a fervent supporter of Inuit rights and I wanted to reminisce about his life today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Aupilardjuk will be missed and he did contribute lots to preserving the culture. Another thing that some members may not know is Mr. Aupilardjuk will always be a part of us here in these Chambers, as he was one of the artists who were commissioned to design and build the mace. So a piece of him will always be here in these Chambers.

Item 3. Members' Statements. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize an individual. Yes! He hasn't left yet. I really wish to recognize this individual, Mr. Speaker, as he is well known in Igloolik as well as in the business community of Nunavut. I would like to recognize in this House a person whom I grew up with and whom I coined *Qallunaakuluk*, Ike Haulli. I would like him recognized.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. (interpretation ends) Welcome to the Gallery, Mr. Haulli. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to recognize an individual who really requires no introduction due to her longstanding work throughout the north. I wish to recognize Ms. Mary Simon, a past president of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. She represented Inuit nationally in Canada. At this time, she is serving as the chairperson of the National Committee on Inuit Education.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, Mary was born in Kangiqsualujjuaq, Quebec, and has devoted her life to achieving social justice for Inuit nationally and internationally, with a particular focus on children and youth and the preservation of the Inuit language. In the environmental, economic and political arenas, she has been a leading advocate for Inuit cooperation.

(interpretation) Currently, Mr. Speaker, Mary is visiting Iqaluit this week to meet with various organizations and bodies, including the Inuksuk High School, Nunavut Arctic College, as well as the Coalition of Nunavut District Education Authorities. Furthermore, she will speak to Nunavut Tunngavik at their meeting. We are extremely proud of Ms. Simon as northerners.

Additionally, the person sitting next to Mary is another person I wish to recognize, whom the members also know since he used to represent the Department of Education at my side during our Committee of the Whole. (interpretation ends) Peter Geikie had left us not too long ago and needs no introduction to this House as well because he used to represent the Department of Education during our Committee of the Whole, but Peter had left us to join the National Strategy on Inuit education.

So please help me welcome Mary and Peter.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Welcome to the Gallery. I'm sure Peter is happy to be sitting on that side of the rails and not on this side.

Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.
Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As an MLA, I wanted to recognize these individuals whom I also invited to visit the Gallery as the MLA for Rankin Inlet North. They have accepted this invitation and many of them are here in the Gallery behind us,

numbering ten first year Inuit studies students. They are accompanied by the second year Inuit studies students.

I felt that today was an appropriate day to invite them, especially in light of the recognition I wanted to place on the late Mr. Aupilardjuk. I will recite the names of the five second year students currently here.

My wife, Sally, and I have a daughter who is a first year student, Lorna Tatty.

I would like to ask that they withhold on standing up when I mention their names since I will ask them all to stand upon recognition.

The first year students are:

Neevee Padluq, Iqaluit;
Elisapee Attagootak, Grise Fiord;
Mary Pijamini, Iqaluit; and
Sandra Naqitarvik, Iqaluit.

The second year students are:

Tina Muckpaloo, Arctic Bay;
Lena Dialla, Pangnirtung;
Susie Eetuk, Coral Harbour;
Nala Temela, Kimmirut; and
Kathy Idlout, Resolute Bay.

The second year students, along with their Inuktitut translator, are taking courses now and they are our future translators:

Janet Merkosak, Pond Inlet;
Mina Battye, Pangnirtung;
Sarah Papatsie, Iqaluit; and
Caroline Novalinga, Sanikiluaq.

I would like my colleagues to welcome them all as they are practising their

proficiency in the Inuktitut language and whom we know are working diligently. Welcome, one and all.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize the individuals who have been recognized by some members already who are here for the Inuit studies. I wish them bright future endeavours, especially these people who are from my community. Please welcome Lena Dialla and Mina Battye. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): I would also like to recognize Mary Simon. Mr. Speaker, quite a while ago, before we got our Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, I worked with her with regard to Rio de Janeiro, but I would like to say that we could not stop global warming here in the north. I would like to thank her and recognize her in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Welcome again to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item

6. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 413 – 3(3): Fuel Resupply for Repulse Bay and Kugaaruk

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

As the minister will recall, I asked him questions during our sitting of May 30, 2012 concerning fuel supplies in the communities of Kugaaruk and Repulse Bay. At that time, the minister informed me and I thank the minister for informing me that Repulse Bay was at risk of experiencing fuel shortages prior to the arrival of the annual resupply. It is my understanding that an airlift of gasoline to the community was recently undertaken, possibly in September. Can the minister update me today on this situation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question, Mr. Ningark. The fuel resupply ship has arrived in Repulse Bay and they have filled up the tanks at this time. They will not be suffering any fuel shortages at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the hon. minister for his response. Mr. Speaker, through your good office, I would like to ask the minister: what was the reason for the shortage of gasoline in the community? Was it due to the increased boating or increased snowmobile usage that resulted in this shortage? What was the real reason for this gasoline shortage? Does the department know what the cause of this problem was? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's a good question. Just this spring, reaching all the way to summer, there was a lot of ice in the communities and the resupply ship was delayed due to the ice around several communities. The other reason for that is that the fuel tanks in the community did not get filled to the brim. So those are the two reasons why they had a shortage of gasoline in that community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the hon. minister for his response. According to recent statistics, the population of Repulse Bay has grown from approximately 612 residents in 2001 to 945 residents in 2011. How is the department working to ensure that bulk fuel storage facilities in our communities is keeping pace with

population growth? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we begin to grow and to have more knowledge in the community, residents are buying more skidoos and more outboard motors. It is evident that the tank farms are beginning to have shortage of gasoline. I know some of the communities will have to get more tank farms. It's a lot better to have more tank farms in the communities as the communities' populations grow. Just this past summer, I feel that all the communities will have adequate flow. If there is going to be more ice packing up in the bay, we have to make sure that those tank farms are filled right up in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Question 414 – 3(3): Response to Committee Motion 8 – 3(3)

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, as you will recall, on March 1, 2012, during our Committee of the Whole debate on the 2012-13 Main Estimates for the Department of Health and Social Services, the committee voted in favour of Motion 8 – 3(3), which recommended that the Department of

Health and Social Services undertake a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of its patient/client complaints procedure. Further, Mr. Speaker, the minister was to report on the findings of this review no later than the first day of the fall 2012 sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday was the first day of the fall 2012 sitting of the Legislative Assembly. While I recognize that the minister made a statement regarding "Patient Relations," he did not provide an update on the status of the review of his department's patient/client complaints procedure. This patient/client problem is always heard of here in the House. Will the minister respect this House and provide the update to follow the motion that was made at that time? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Tapardjuk for his question. Mr. Speaker, I can't think of any topic that has been more hotly debated in this House since April 1, 1999 than the patient/client travel policy. When I was an MLA, I used to ask the same questions. There's no easy solution to this. You're going to have people who are happy; you're going to have people who are unhappy. I get calls from people or emails thanking us for the service and I also get calls from people or emails where people are dissatisfied with the service. I have instructed my officials and they're working very diligently to review the process.

There's no magic pill where I'm going to reverse everything, all the problems, with the policies overnight. I have told the House that we're working on it, trying to have better relations, and put a process in place. I'm sure it's not going to solve all the complaints because you can't keep everybody happy. I do want to assure the House that I take it seriously because I get constituents and people from across Nunavut who do contact me. I don't feel it is necessary that people should go all the way to the ministers' level. Issues should be able to be resolved at the hospital level or the health centre level and get that communication going there.

I also believe that people should get feedback or follow-up to their concerns and that's a sense I have gotten over the years as mayor, MLA, and now as minister. A lot of people don't feel that their concerns are being taken seriously and there's no follow-up. I think when there is follow-up, a lot of people will indicate that they are satisfied and just want someone to hear their concerns and explain the process to them. That's what we're endeavouring to do and have a better client/patient relationship.

I assure Nunavummiut that the health department does take their concerns very seriously and we're going to fix the system, if not 100 percent, at least to a level where it's reasonable and to expect your complaint or your issue will be dealt with in a reasonable amount of time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, what the minister said is true. Some of us are not thankful enough sometimes, especially when you have sick relatives. We sometimes thank the system for having health care provided to us.

Mr. Speaker, in his statement yesterday, the minister indicated that his department is "revising the current patient/client complaints process." Can the minister clarify what progress has been made on this revision to date?

Mr. Speaker, I agree with the minister. As a Member of the Legislative Assembly, you hear from the public about complaints. For that reason, I would like to find out what progress has been made to date, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Tapardjuk for his support and for his encouragement to improve the process. Mr. Speaker, there are a couple of things we are doing.

We are reviewing the client travel policy and the client escort policy. There are issues with that. Just this whole issue of looking at the different types of complaints across Nunavut, the complaints that we receive in Nunavut, the complaints that we receive from down south when people are down south... There are complaints about the airlines. There are complaints about the health centres. We will see what type of complaints they are, but I'm sure when the analysis is complete, we do come

forward with a revised program, complaints process, or patient... I wouldn't even call it... I'll figure out a new name for it, perhaps the patient relations policy.

Our department is working very hard to try to resolve this once and for all, but as I said earlier, I don't think we can keep everybody happy. There are always going to be misunderstandings, but we do definitely want to assure Nunavummiut that the health department does take their concerns seriously and we will do everything we can to resolve the issues to their satisfaction and alleviate any concerns or misunderstandings that develop out there. We are in the patient care business and we want to have good relationships with patients and with our communities.

The mayors always bring up the issues as well. Of course, we want to help the MLAs out as well because I know you folks receive a lot of emails and visits from constituents about concerns. I know you forward their concerns to me, and I have to go back down to the department. It's a very long, convoluted process. It shouldn't be like that. It should be a fast response in a reasonable amount of time so that people get the information they want. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't quite understand the minister's response. Mr. Speaker, while it is not entirely clear that a "revision" and a "review" are the same thing, will the minister confirm that any

new procedure will address the need for consistent standards of service and care at all territorial health facilities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Tapardjuk for the questions. Just to alleviate his concerns, we are reviewing the process, but the intention is to come up with a new process. We have a new communication strategy to provide more focus on the program, client/patient and health professional relationships, standardize the process, and speed up the response time to people's concerns. There should be absolutely no call for people having to wait four weeks or even longer for a response, if they even get a response. They should get a response. Sometimes we may get concerns that we have to turn around in 24 hours. We will have to identify that. There is going to be more accountability. I'm looking at putting a position or positions in charge of this whole process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your final supplementary, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for his response. In his statement yesterday, the minister committed to providing members with more information as they "move along."

Now, Mr. Speaker, as Members of the Legislative Assembly, we are still asked questions about the status of this matter. We will need to disseminate this

information to our constituents as to how this program is running. Perhaps in the future, we will finally get an update about the recommendations to improve the system currently in use. Will we be receiving an update and when exactly can we expect an answer from the minister on the findings of his department's review of the patient/client complaints procedure? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Tapardjuk. As I indicated in my Minister's Statement yesterday, our target completion date is December and then we will hopefully roll it out in the new year. I know we will be gathering again in January for standing committees. Of course, we can, if necessary, have discussions with Full Caucus then. My staff knows that this is a very urgent and top priority concern for the Legislative Assembly, so they're working on it and I'll keep on top of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Question 415 – 3(3): Conservation Officer Position in Coral Harbour

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions will be directed to the Minister responsible for Environment.

This spring, there was an advertisement for a position of a conservation officer in our community due to the fact that the

Coral Harbour conservation officer left his position. I have been led to understand that to date, interviews have been undertaken with the candidates who applied for this position and that a decision has been made.

I would like to understand when exactly Coral Harbour can expect a new conservation officer. I would like to get an answer on this first. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am quite happy to respond to the member's question. November 5 is the starting date for the new conservation officer in Coral Harbour. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I also thank the minister for that wonderful piece of news. Another matter which the minister probably understands is related to the shortage of housing in our community that led to the delay of the hiring of the position. Can the minister provide an update this afternoon whether or not our new conservation officer will have housing available when he starts his position in Coral Harbour? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently, due to the lack of staff housing, the conservation officer is going to be at the hotel up until a housing unit is found in his community. At this time, we will be working with the Nunavut Housing Corporation to search for accommodations. On October 25, we will know whether or not staff housing will be available for this position in his community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister. I understand that there was an individual currently in the Environmental Technology Program who applied for that position from Coral Harbour. This position was felt to be something they would enjoy.

With respect to future conservation officers, are there environmental programs available for Nunavummiut, especially since they are best suited to these jobs due to their familiarity with the culture and language? Do we have students in these programs that can fill these positions in the future? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We had started making plans to have a training program available in Coral Harbour. The individual who was going to be the instructor moved to another community,

so that initiative stalled, but there are training programs available with regard to environmental technology. This is ongoing.

Again, as I stated earlier, the incumbent is going to be starting on November 5, but he will be working out of Rankin Inlet for a while. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 416 – 3(3): Contracting Reform

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Premier.

Mr. Speaker, it is perfectly clear that Nunavut is facing an unemployment crisis. I believe that reforming the government contracting practices is one of the mechanisms by which it can develop an effective strategy to address Nunavut's appalling unemployment rate. On March 1 of this year, the Premier announced that the government would be taking a comprehensive review of its contracting practices to, and I quote, ensure that "the benefits of economic development in Nunavut stay within the territory and provide opportunities to land claim beneficiaries."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out to the Premier that she made that statement seven months ago. When will this work be completed? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Executive and

Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for that question. Following the framework for the government's contracting practices and procurement, it's there for a reason, and then there's the NNI Policy that is applied. It is currently under review with the cooperation of Nunavut Tunngavik and we will also factor in the recommendations that were made by the Auditor General. We are also looking forward to the completion of the comprehensive review. We have not quite completed the interim report. We are looking at the completion of the comprehensive review in the new year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your first supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question was: when will this work be completed? It seems like nothing is completed yet.

Mr. Speaker, I alluded in my preamble to what I believe is a crisis of unemployment in our territory and the importance of having a system of government contracting that actually supports employment and business opportunities for our constituents. Can the Premier tell Nunavutmiut and the House today what the unemployment rate in Nunavut currently is? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the issue of unemployment and business opportunities in Nunavut, I don't have the statistics in front of me, but unemployment has decreased. There has been an increase of 2 percent in the employment rate, so there has been a decrease in the unemployment numbers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your second supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will want that information as soon as possible. We would like to see a statistical report. If we don't know the unemployment rate in Nunavut, we can say that it's still in the backburner of the government departments.

My next question is the review of the NNI Policy was to have taken place in cooperation with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. Can the Premier tell me how many meetings have actually been held between the GN and NTI concerning this review? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have to know that there is always a fluctuation of employment opportunities made available in Nunavut. For example, there has been a decrease in the number of unemployed since the mining started getting developed around here.

In regard to the review of the NNI Policy, we have to do a comprehensive review. The Nunavut government has regular meetings with NTI. I am not part of that review process, but the NNI Policy is under the economic development and transportation department. They're working very hard in conducting a comprehensive review and they are cooperating with Nunavut Tunngavik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your final supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So that's what we have been doing. Maybe we didn't hear anything about the unemployment rates. It has to be a priority of the government. They don't even know which department to call when they're looking for a job.

I have raised a number of concerns about the government ignoring the recommendations of the contracting appeals board that has been established under the NNI Policy. Can the Premier assure me that the government is looking closely at the issue of giving the appeals board clear authority to make binding decisions, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said, there is a comprehensive review being done and I can't talk about the contents prior to the finalization of this report. However, I can tell you that our staff is

working hard to make sure that the report is complete. It is not complete yet.

For our information, employment and unemployment rates fluctuate. For example, the people who want to work for the Nunavut government can enquire with the Department of Human Resources and those who want to work in regard to contracts can also try out for the tender and so on. They can get in touch with the contractors. There are ways and means of finding out that sort of information.

Once the comprehensive review of the NNI Policy is done, we will find out the employment and unemployment rates. Because of the importance of the NNI Policy, we gave direction to have a comprehensive review done and to find out if there has to be some adjustments or amendments made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 417 – 3(3): Activities of the Public Agencies Council

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Finance in his capacity as the Chair of the Government of Nunavut's Public Agencies Council.

As the minister will recall, the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts held hearings earlier this year on the 2012 *Report of the Auditor General on Procurement of Goods and Services*. Yesterday, the government's formal

response to the standing committee's report and recommendations was tabled in the House, as were a variety of departmental and Crown agency action plans.

In our standing committee's report, we noted that the Qulliq Energy Corporation's own corporate plan specifically acknowledges that, and I quote, "operates within the context of...Article 24 which sets up a procurement preference for Inuit, Nunavut and local contractors." However, the QEC's action plan states that it is of the view that it is exempt from the provisions of the NNI Policy.

Our standing committee recommended that the Public Agencies Council clarify this issue. Can the minister tell the House when will it do so? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for the Public Agencies Council and the Department of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Elliott for the question. Mr. Speaker, I can't tell Mr. Elliott when we will clarify it. It was explained to Mr. Elliott in the past that the Public Agencies Council makes recommendations. We, as ministers responsible, have oversight of the public agencies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your first supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that's one of my ongoing concerns. It seems like when I ask questions about the Public Agencies Council, they don't

really serve a purpose. So if they don't serve a purpose, then what is the point of having it?

The Qulliq Energy Corporation's action plan explains its rationale for why it believes that it is exempt from the NNI Policy. It states, and I quote, "Following the NNI Policy increases the cost of operating the utility." Mr. Speaker, it would seem to me that this logic could be used by all of our departments and Crown agencies. For example, the Nunavut Housing Corporation could argue that if it were exempt from the NNI Policy, it would have additional funds with which to build new houses. Does the Public Agencies Council accept the Qulliq Energy Corporation's explanation, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for the Public Agencies Council, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There's no clear-cut answer on this. Mr. Speaker, as I said, the public agency only makes recommendations, but to answer Mr. Elliott's question, we haven't even discussed this at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your second supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was through the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts that the recommendation that the Public [Agencies] Council would look at this. Once the Premier tabled everything yesterday, I was under the assumption that meetings would have been made and

the recommendations from our committee would have been looked at and decisions would have been made. Obviously that hasn't happened. Could the minister let us know when they would meet to deal with this? Usually, it is 120 days, I believe, that they come up with a response to what we have recommended, and that was one of our recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for the Public Agencies Council, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't tell Mr. Elliott when we will deal with it. Mr. Speaker, I will assure the member that we do take his concern, we note his concern, and I'll speak to my officials as soon as possible about a Public Agencies Council meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your final supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Auditor General's report noted a number of errors in the Qulliq Energy Corporation's annual reports on its contracting, procurement and leasing activities. The government's response to our standing committee's recommendations indicated that the QEC is "unable to produce accurate reports for the years 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 at this time." Can the minister indicate how the Public Agencies Council is working with our Crown corporations and agencies to ensure that they are able to produce accurate and timely information for the Members of the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for the Public Agencies Council, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Deputy Minister for Finance is the secretary to the Public Agencies Council and I believe he works very closely with the presidents of the public agencies. I believe that the financial statements for the Qulliq Energy Corporation should be ready for the winter session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Question 418 – 3(3): AWG Sports Selection

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Sport and Recreation, the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Last week, the minister met with his counterparts from the Yukon and the Northwest Territories to discuss the reduction in the number of sports in the 2016 Arctic Winter Games to be held in Nuuk, Greenland. Can the minister provide an update on what kinds of solutions are being considered to address this situation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. He is correct. I had a meeting

with the ministers from the Northwest Territories government, the Yukon government, and the Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, along with the Arctic Winter Games International Committee. Before then, we had also met with the minister from Greenland to discuss the concerns we were going to bring forth. Because of the time zone differences, they weren't able to participate, so we met with them prior.

There are some real issues with the 2016 Games regarding the sports that we want to also participate in, the six excluded sports. We sat there and we talked about some possible solutions in order for some, if not all, of those games that are excluded to be included in one form or another.

Mr. Speaker, it's important to note that the reasons they were excluding those sports is because there are no arena facilities in Greenland. It's something you wouldn't think of in Nunavut or this country, but they don't have any facilities to hold those events that require skates or ice surface, such as curling, hockey, figure skating, and so on.

They also do not allow the importation of any dogs into their country. You can only have the Greenland Eskimo dog in that country; they don't allow other dogs into their country. You can't have the dog-mushing in their country. From what I understand, even if they took their dog out of the country, then they can't bring it back. It's that tight, from what I understand.

There are very solid reasons why they can't do those games, but we have communicated, we have talked, and we are looking at solutions so that all or

some or most of those games that are games that are currently going to be excluded would be included. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. I understand that one of the main reasons for not including certain sports in the 2016 Arctic Winter Games is the lack of the appropriate facilities in the host jurisdiction. Can the minister indicate whether alternative locations which have the appropriate facilities are being considered as co-hosts for the 2016 Games or whether an alternative competitive event will be planned? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that question. That's exactly what we discussed at the preliminary discussions. They have co-hosted with Nunavut back in 2002, I believe, and there were issues with that. It was decided at that time there would be no more co-hosting. It was the information we gathered. Because of that, Greenland applied for and got the hosting for the 2016, excluding those events. Mind you, they had contracted with the City of Iqaluit to be able to host the women's hockey and another hockey here in Iqaluit. It's not considered a co-host because they're contracting that out.

One of the other issues they had brought up at one point was that all the participants needed to be at the opening

and closing of the games. In fact, the current plan for 2016 is to fly all the athletes into Greenland, have the opening ceremonies, fly the contingent that's going to play the games here, and then fly them back for the closing. That was one of the issues they had.

We have since discussed those issues with the committee. There are options that we are looking at and some of them you stated. We are trying to see if they could deal with their policies, to see if they can take those six excluded sports and include them, just to name a community, maybe Iqaluit, maybe Yellowknife, maybe Whitehorse, and still include them as part of the Arctic Winter Games itself. If they're not going to include them, should they be included under the Arctic Winter Games banner? Those are the things that the committee is going to be reviewing over the next few months.

On our part, we will see if it is possible to hold those six excluded sports in Nunavut and if the City of Iqaluit would want to host them. So we have to take a look at those over the next while. We have work to do. There were many other suggestions made by the lieutenant governor and all the other people who sat around the room had some different ideas. At the end of the day, what's important is that the games continue and as many participants of the games can go on.

So we had those discussions. I believe, some time in the next six months or so, April, May, or June, all the ministers responsible within the Arctic Winter Games and the International Arctic Winter Games Committee itself will sit down and see what can be done to deal

with, at least, most of those concerns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his explanation on the issues at hand. I'm sure it's no easy task.

Mr. Speaker, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, which has made the final decision on which sports would be included in the 2016 Games, is made up of 12 representatives from Alberta, Alaska, Greenland, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and the Yukon. Can the minister clearly describe what representation Nunavut has on this committee and how this representation is selected? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently, we have two seats on the international committee, one of which has to be an employee within the sport division of the Government of Nunavut. Actually, the individual who is still on that committee used to work for our department and she no longer does, so we're in the process of changing that so that we have a current appointee who is currently working within Sport Nunavut.

The other one is a member at large. Currently, that position, I found out recently, was vacant. We are doing the proper work right now to submit two

names from the general public that have interest in the Arctic Winter Games and the community. So we are working at current to fill that vacant position. The process for that is that we have to submit a couple of names to the international committee and they will select an appointee of local names that we do submit. That's how that process works. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Question 419 – 3(3): Compensation for Damage to Personal Property Caused by Polar Bears

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Environment.

As we are aware in the communities of Nunavut, polar bear disturbances are increasing, especially in the cabins people use nowadays. They are damaging the property of the hunters. The polar bears damage mobile equipment, such as snowmobiles. My constituents are not the only ones who are experiencing this kind of a problem.

My question to the Minister of Environment is: with individuals' property being damaged by polar bears, would this program to compensate these hunters be used or continued? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last spring, I made an announcement that this program would be available.

Our department is starting to receive applications. We provide funding through applications for the safety of the public or their equipment or for non-profit organizations, such as HTOs, that can apply. There is a budget of \$60,000 annually. If there was property damage, there is \$40,000 available that can be used when they apply for compensation, providing that the property owners provide proper storage for their equipment, especially things that polar bears can sniff out.

There are certain criteria that, if not met, would result in a denial. So we have criteria to follow, as with all applications. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. I'm sure that the department has come up with definitions for proper storage, which you referred to in part. Most sites used by hunters typically have leftover smells, especially if they are good hunters like me. I was just joking. For the preventative measures, personally I find them useless, especially the materials you mentioned, as the wildlife will usually sniff out old offal and such as it is a place for hunting. Have you considered any other options to keep the property safe from wildlife other than masking of the smell that you spoke about? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the member is like me, a not-so-proficient hunter, then there wouldn't be any leftovers for animals to sniff out. The items included up to today in this list are electrical fencing that you can put around your property, cabin window, door deterrents to ward off polar bears, and trip alarms or motion sensors connected to an alarm. Either meat boxes or metal enclosures that keep the bear from reaching the meat are included. Applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for his response and for putting careful consideration to this. On the issue of not treating everyone fairly in Nunavut, I'm sure that the HTOs are different because they're hunters. Each hunter has the same problems and issues. Why do we have to look at each applicant on a case-by-case basis? Everyone should be treated fairly.

Why doesn't a letter outlining the reason for the refusal exist? I would prefer that and I wonder if you can revisit that. Why can't we look at their assets when reviewing these applications so that people with cabins and equipment are the ones who can benefit? Yes, we should have reasons outlined as to why the application wasn't approved since nothing is currently provided as to the

reasoning behind the refusal. Can't you undertake this approach instead? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The funds which we are making available have to be applied for and are specific to public safety, protection of property and equipment, and to ensure polar bear quotas are not whittled down due to polar bears being harvested outside of the hunting season. We have tried to review this with that perspective. That is why we are advocating protective measures to protect property. That is what we advocate.

Perhaps some camps are continually harassed due to not having a clean area, with old meat and smelly cache sites around their cabins, especially successful hunters who tend to harvest a lot of animals and butcher them on site. It would be better if the butchering was undertaken at sites further away from the cabins or alternatively, as per my previous statement, they should have meat cache boxes, which can be applied for.

When Inuit apply for this program, the limit is set at \$2,000 per applicant. If there is an application to undertake work or materials, then that application could be approved up to \$10,000. Yes, we can look into this matter to see if we can review them separately or if there are different criteria, as I stated earlier, we review them on a case-by-case basis. Applicants may all be approved or none of them could be approved or part of

their application could be approved, so this determination is done upon review of the application. This will be determined at those times. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Members will note that the clock is indicating that the time allotted for question period has expired. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Taptuna.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 233 – 3(3): Nunavut Housing Corporation’s Contracting Report for the Year Ended March 31, 2010

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the revised Nunavut Housing Corporation Contracting Report for the Year Ended March 31, 2010. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Tabled Document 234 – 3(3): Correspondence Concerning Relocation of Graves in Hall Beach

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a collection of recent correspondence

concerning the longstanding and unresolved issue of the relocation of graves in Hall Beach. I wish to advise the Minister of Health and Social Services that I will have further questions for him on this issue during our fall sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Elliott.

Tabled Document 235 – 3(3): Article from Nunavut News/North: Mercury Risk in Seal Liver

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a copy of a recent article published in *Nunavut News/North*. The article is titled “Mercury risk in seal liver.” I urge all members to review the item with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Curley.

Tabled Document 236 – 3(3): Correspondence from Rankin Inlet Students

Tabled Document 237 – 3(3): The Lost Arctic Voyagers by Charles Dickens

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I expect that I will be able to table these letters I received. First of all, the letter from Chris Echoes, who is a social studies teacher, who is teaching ten students in grade 10 and who wrote that letter to my constituency office to bring to my attention. We urge the government to read this letter so that we can provide assistance, as per the students’ recommendations.

Mr. Speaker, another document I wish to table which should surface tomorrow, further to my Member's Statement of yesterday, is a copy of (interpretation ends) *The Lost Arctic Voyagers* by Charles Dickens. Mr. Speaker, I believe that this document will help to clarify why I believe that it is not appropriate to mount a new search for the Franklin vessels. History is about more than hardware, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Ningeongan.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 033 – 3(3): Extension of Review Period for Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Legal Services Act – Notice

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, October 26, 2012, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the period of time for the standing committee to report Bill 32 back to the House be extended by a further 120 days.

At the appropriate time, I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Elliott.

Motion 034 – 3(3): Legislative Assembly Appointments and Revocations – Notice

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, October 26, 2012, I will move the following motion:

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Baker Lake, that the Legislative Assembly make appointments and revocations to its standing committees and other positions.

At the appropriate time, I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Ningeongan.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Ningeongan.

Motion 033 – 3(3): Extension of Review Period for Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Legal Services Act

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Legal Services Act*, received second reading on March 1, 2012;

AND WHEREAS Bill 32 has been referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration;

AND WHEREAS Rule 68(1) provides that bills referred to a standing committee shall not be proceeded with until the Assembly receives the report of the committee or 120 calendar days pass from the day the bill was given second reading;

AND WHEREAS the standing committee has been exchanging correspondence with the Minister of Justice concerning Bill 32;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Justice has formally indicated that further time is required to respond to the standing committee's most recent correspondence;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the period of time for the standing committee to report Bill 32 back to the House be extended by a further 120 days.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Elliott.

Motion 034 – 3(3): Legislative Assembly Appointments and Revocations

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 17 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides for the Legislative Assembly to appoint such committees to aid and advise as it considers necessary;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Baker Lake, that the Legislative Assembly make appointments and revocations to its standing committees and other positions;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the Member for Nattilik be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the Member for Tununiq be appointed an alternate member of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the appointment of the Member for Nattilik as an alternate member for the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges be revoked.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in

Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 41, 42, and 43 with Mr. Tapardjuk in the Chair.

Before we proceed to the Committee of the Whole, we will take a 20-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:16 and Committee resumed at 15:43*

Item 19: Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

Chairman (Mr. Tapardjuk) (interpretation): Thank you. I will now call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole, the Speaker has given us the following items to deal with: Bills 41, 42, and 43. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to continue our review of Bill 41, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014*, and the capital estimates of the Department of Community and Government Services. When we conclude with that department, we will deal with the Department of Justice and, if time permits, Nunavut Arctic College. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Are we agreed that we will continue our review of the capital estimates for the Department of Community and Government Services?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014 – Community and Government Services – Consideration in Committee

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do members agree to bring in Minister Kusugak and his officials to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak, you and your officials can go to the witness table. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

Minister Kusugak, thank you for appearing before us. We didn't complete your department, so we will continue with your department in Committee of the Whole. Before we begin, Mr. Minister, for the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is good that we will once again be able to discuss these matters. On my left is my Deputy Minister, Roy Green, and on my right is Bu Lam, Director of Community Capital Planning for CG&S. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. We are dealing with Community and Government Services. Page H-3. Capital Planning. (interpretation ends) Branch Summary. (interpretation) I have no more names on my list. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I want to ask some more questions concerning the department's project for

renovations for Taloyoak's community hall. The department's capital estimates indicate that \$2.8 million was allocated for this project in prior years. Can the minister or his officials give me a breakdown of how the money was actually being spent? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak, if you would like to respond.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I'll get my Deputy Minister, Mr. Green, through you, to respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Green, go ahead.

Mr. Green: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have the specific breakdown of all the expenditures that were completed for the Taloyoak arena. It has been done in two phases. The first phase was that we spent approximately \$800,000 just in some mechanical and code upgrades with the complex. In January 2013, we will be issuing the second contract that will be for mechanical upgrades, upgrades to the walls and some repairs to the floors in the community hall, and fixing up the arena. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Green. Any more, Ms. Ugyuk?

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When can the minister provide an update on the breakdown of the renovations required, as well as the funding required to undertake the work

so that the community hall and arena can be repaired? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As identified, the funds will be used for these repairs, although some of the repairs have already been done, such as the community hall electrical repairs and electrical code requirements for the arena to ensure that it can open, as per the legal requirements for public places, and we had to make some revisions.

It will also be detailed out later in January 2013, where the list of repairs required will be completed for the floor and other repairs. Once the tender has been released, we will have an idea of exactly how much we need to undertake these repairs as per the list. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The department's substantiation sheet for this project indicates that phase 2 of the project will "include upgrades to the complex, including installation of concrete slab with thermosiphon technology and ventilation system." However, the deputy minister stated yesterday that "there is no money in the budget to install a concrete slab or the thermosiphon." Can the minister or his officials clarify if new funds will be allocated for the phase 2 improvements in next year's capital estimates or in a supplementary appropriation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. I believe she is asking about thermosiphon. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. I thought I was the only one who had trouble pronouncing “thermosiphon” properly. I was only able to pronounce it properly with practise.

Yes, we tried to get funding to put concrete on the floor of the arena so that it could freeze earlier. Unfortunately the funding request wasn’t approved. However, I can tell the member that we will be looking for more funding to try and have this completed prior to year-end. We will look for funding to complete this work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any more questions? Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you. I’ll try and practise pronouncing that word and perhaps in January, I will be able to pronounce it properly when I’m asking questions.

However, when I posed my first question, I didn’t get a full response. Will they provide information to help me understand how much of the \$2.8 million that was approved last year for this project has already been expended to date? I hope to get a response to this question in the future. Will I get that answer in January? If they understand my question, I hope to get an answer.

The reasoning for my question is that this facility has been used on and off, and our youth are clamouring to use the

arena in Taloyoak, as well as the younger children. I hope to receive an understandable response so that Taloyoak residents will know the status. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is a relevant question. Firstly, the initial work was undertaken in phase 1, as per my previous report, as required to ensure that the facility can be kept open and not closed. Whether it is due to electrical, plumbing, or other required repairs, the work totalled about \$1.4 million.

The other part of the funding, which is \$1 million, has yet to be expended. We had advertised an RFP to tender out the repair work that was still required. However, only one company submitted a bid which surpassed our total budget for the work required. That resulted in the need for the re-advertisement of a new RFP, which will be done in January, and the total budget for this work will be around \$1 million.

I certainly hope that clarifies the situation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That clarifies the situation and it is clearer now how much money has already been expended for the repairs needed for the community hall and arena, which was stated to be \$1.4 million to date. Were these funds used properly? Are the required repairs

completed in that facility using these funds?

Based on my perception of the matter, I usually go to the community hall, which is being painted. Several doors and walls are being painted, and I don't imagine that this work would cost that much just for the paint. That is what I would like to get clarified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The money is being expended properly in Taloyoak. When you look at fixing up the electrical, plumbing, and everything else, you can't really see how much money they are expending. If you just look at it, it's beginning to look very good, but the electrical, heating, and plumbing systems have to be done as well. There was money. You can't see the work when you look at it because it's not visible. They're expending the money properly, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The things that I don't see when I go to the community hall, such as electrical, heating, and plumbing, is it up to code now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, all the work that has to be done is nearly completed. They have a new heater that

they still have to install at the community hall. The contractors are working on it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The question that I have for the department is for the 2012-13 capital estimates allocated for small capital. The minister has requested in previous years for the amount of money and for the coming years up to 2018, I think there is about \$5 million for each fiscal year until 2018. However, page 204 of the capital plan project executive summary states that CGS is requesting a \$1 million increase to the small capital budget to help address increases in project costs due to inflation and increased volume of projects due to changes in the regulations. I would like to ask the minister when there is going to be some money again requested for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan, for that question. Due to inflation, we deal with small capital. We are requesting another \$1 million for the increase in volume. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't get a response to my question. I wanted to

find out when the increase of \$1 million is expected. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you for asking that question. We requested that \$1 million, but we usually don't always get an approval. Our request for an additional \$1 million was denied. We will be requesting again with that amount of money or a little more. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason why I raised the question to Minister Kusugak was that as regular members, we prefer to look at the breakdown of the details requiring the funding. Perhaps you would get more support for your department if the requests for funding already included these details for review by the committee members down the road.

I just wanted to get further clarification as I am currently unaware of future requests. I did note that this was a separate request, Mr. Chairman. I would like to know if the minister can respond to my question. Thank you. That is all for now.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, if it's possible, we try to have a breakdown of what we want to use the money for, but

sometimes there is emergency money that has to be expended. We want to be able to have some money set aside as contingency. Whenever possible, we try to have them broken down and we will probably have a breakdown of the money that we will be expending and for what. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the information. Regular members have to approve the money that you are requesting. We want to know what it's going to be spent on because we don't want it to be used for anything other than the intended purpose. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. We are on page H-3. (interpretation ends) Capital Planning. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This goes towards my general comments from yesterday in terms of asking about the capital planning process and what the Government of Nunavut is doing or what the minister's department, in particular, is doing.

The Government of Nunavut recently developed a new capital planning process handbook and I was just wondering if the minister could explain what some of the important changes have been made in the capital planning process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would love to explain that if I can, through my deputy, through you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Green.

Mr. Green: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the key components in the new capital planning process is that before projects are introduced in the five-year capital planning process for consideration, we would require a rigorous pre-planning study to be done first of all to identify what the problem is with the infrastructure in terms of the program service and delivery. It would allow us to look at doing an options analysis and a feasibility study to determine what the most appropriate solution is to solving a particular infrastructure problem. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Green. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The new handbook actually indicates that there are three primary criteria for ranking or rating projects that are being put forward by different departments and also suggestions from hamlets. I believe it's health and safety mandated programs and services and sustainability and economic benefits. I'm just wondering: are these criteria being followed or applied to all proposals for new capital projects? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, they will be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For this round of capital planning and for the approval of these, was the new capital planning process and the criteria used for the decisions made? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, because they were done prior. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the other concerns that I raised in my general comments was the idea of, I believe, the Minister of Finance, in his fiscal update, mentioned "pent up" demand of capital funds. I was just concerned about the number of capital carryover projects that we actually have. With putting an increase of 60 percent of our capital budget, I'm just wondering: what's being done within the department to make sure that we don't have more capital carryover projects or is there a way that your department is being restructured to get some of these projects completed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think my colleague is aware that you can get away from doing carryovers in previous years mainly because a lot of that funding was from the Building Canada Fund, which meant that we had to front load our funding from government even before the construction was started. Because they were front-loaded, you will notice that as the facilities become completed, the carryovers will decrease.

I know my colleague yesterday mentioned quite a few projects, actually, from his riding that were completed. Some of those had to be front-loaded. Mr. Chairman, it was the nature of the beast. With some funding we get from the federal government, some programs, we have to commit the funding before we even begin construction and that causes carryovers.

It will be noted that as those projects are completed, the carryovers should decrease significantly. In fact, over the next year, many of these carryovers should go because those projects will be concluded. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this point, we're up to, I think, 143 capital carryover projects approximately. We're probably ending the construction cycle in terms of construction in the communities with the cold weather, snow, and ice coming. Is your department looking at more than 143 this year or are you saying that they will be lower? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the construction season doesn't end in cold weather, as the construction continues in terms of working on the inside of a lot of these facilities. Work goes on all year. We're hoping and we believe that that number will decrease this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think one of the other concerns that was raised by members in the past in terms of commitments for some of these projects which you had mentioned were Building Canada funds, where there are certain requirements that need to be met, are all of these projects... ? Is there a certain date that the Building Canada Fund programs actually have to be completed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there is a sunset clause on the Building Canada funds. I believe it is 2016, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, with the amount of capital carryover that we do end up approving through supplementary appropriation, are there any projects that maybe are

going to end up falling off... ? I don't know if you would call it falling off the table, but will they all be completed by the 2016 deadline? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Elliott, for your line of questioning. Yes, it should be all complete before the deadline. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the capital planning book on H-4 in terms of Resolute Bay's water system, I know the community... I had thanked you yesterday for coming up to the community of Resolute Bay to actually announce to the hamlet council and also to the community that the water system was going to be renewed and fixed. I believe, at the time, it was a five-year process that was going to be worked out to have the utilidor replaced. I'm wondering if I could get an update on what has been happening with that since that time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That was a good day in Resolute Bay when we were able to visit the community and make that announcement. Everything is on schedule right now with that community. I believe we're still in the design phase, but as far as we know, everything is on schedule, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the same time, I would like to ask a question about one of the Building Canada funds that we're actually not going to be voting on, but I know I had asked questions about it before and I think it's a real concern. It's one of the projects in Grise Fiord in terms of whether that project is on track.

I think the reason I asked that question is because I know the residents of Grise Fiord are really excited about having a new hamlet complex there. The GN facility that they were in and the building that the GN employees were in was condemned since 1970, so they're really excited to have a new building to be able to go to work and take pride in being government employees. At the same time, it will lead to questions that I'll be asking the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College when he's up.

Once the hamlet complex is complete, which they're hoping will be next year, there will be renovations done to the old hamlet office to bring it up to classrooms for a community learning centre, which I know the community is really excited about as well. So it would be nice to know and make sure that this project is on track. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad to say that all the projects that are in your riding are on

track and this is one of them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. I have no more names on my list. We're on Community and Government Services. Who raised their hand? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for being in front of the committee. I wanted to ask this question related to the letters I tabled earlier that stemmed from the youth. Unfortunately, they aren't readily available at this time.

However, many students outlined that due to the lack of activities for the youth; many of them turn to crime. Some of the letters came from two age groups, some of which will appear tomorrow. The ages range from 15 to 16, many of whom are in grade 10. I believe these students' assertion that due to the lack of youth activities, many youth turn to crime, as there aren't enough recreational facilities.

Additionally, some students spoke about the need for a teen centre that would have activities designed for youth. Some of the students want to be able to play sports as well within a facility, although they already know that it is practically impossible. Our community lacks a basketball court and the facilities that have them can only accommodate certain numbers of players.

Due to these reasons surrounding Rankin Inlet, there was funding approved to the tune of \$200,000 last winter and the year prior, 2010-11. What if these funds were specifically for the design phase? Can you give us an update on what's

happening with that? We're looking at the youth. I'm not just talking about arenas; I'm talking about recreational facilities. If this \$200,000 is for the design phase and then there's \$500,000 next year, is it for the design phase or is it for some other purpose? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank Mr. Curley for the questions. I'm from Rankin Inlet and I have been listening to those comments in Rankin Inlet for a very long time because they're concerned about not having recreational facilities.

First of all, I would like to congratulate Rankin Inlet because they are working very hard to raise funds for recreational purposes. They built a baseball field with artificial turf and they bought it with the money that they raised. They would also like to see an extension to the baseball field so that there would be more participants.

Last year, the recreational coordinator worked with private businesses and put concrete where they can have floor hockey. From what I can understand, they're now raising funds to put down artificial turf. They're not just sitting by at all, especially Rankin Inlet, trying to put together some recreational facilities and purposes. I support them fully and I hope to see communities do that sort of thing.

In regard to the arena, it's in design phase at this point. The hamlet council in Rankin Inlet is trying to find out what the people of Rankin Inlet would like.

Once that part is completed, once we know the design of the facility, and so on, we will be looking for funds to put up the structure.

I hope I answered your question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, I am very proud of those people because they're watching the proceedings and I'm sure that they would like to see good results come out of this. The community hall is approximately 30 years old. It used to be quite large 30 years ago, but it's very small today. Some people don't even go there during events because they know that it's going to be filled up to capacity right away.

I asked a question about international events like the Arctic Winter Games. We think about where they're going to be situated. It would be in Iqaluit because there is no other community that has facilities large enough to house that many athletes. I support community halls no matter which community it's going to be built in. We are lacking recreational facilities, community halls, and there are old aging buildings that need to be renovated.

With that, in Rankin Inlet, we're not only talking about an arena that needs to be renovated or revamped, but there's also the school gyms that can't be used daily because it's geared toward the school population. Have you considered not just building an arena in Rankin Inlet?

If you look at the correspondence that I tabled earlier, they're looking at a variety of activities and sports that they can go to. They're at the point of boredom because they're lacking so many things.

Are you looking at a multi-complex for Rankin Inlet or is it just going to be an arena? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): It was only for an arena because that was the wish of the Legislative Assembly. On that note, it's only for the arena.

I can tell you that I had a meeting with the hamlet council in Rankin Inlet in the spring or summer. During that dialogue, we talked about the wishes of the community. The community hall is way too small for the size of the population. It's due to the forced growth of the community that those facilities are becoming way too small. They want to see a community hall. They would like to see a curling rink, and we were looking at a multiplex.

During that dialogue with the hamlet council and our Member of Parliament, Leona Aglukkaq, the Rankin Inlet council was going to look for funds that could be used for the planning of the multiplex. They were looking for funds outside of the Nunavut government to pay for the design and planning phase. I supported them fully as a representative of Rankin Inlet in looking for outside sources of funds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. With the young people's correspondence and something that could be considered seriously, and I'm sure you have copies of the correspondence I tabled earlier; they said that if the arena was built, it would be in a different area than the complex. Is that going to be the case? Is it going to be housed separately from that area? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): The hamlet council would be the ones to decide which lot they would build that facility on. That's under the responsibility of the hamlet council. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. We are on page H-3. Capital Planning. Mr. Curley, if you have another question, the floor is yours. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Going back to the youth correspondence, the elders enjoy participating in the games and they should be able to do that. There should also be a larger observation area so that the elders could go there and watch the activities. If we're going to be building that arena, are you going seriously consider putting in an observation area? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak, if you would like to respond. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, in the design phase. I'm sure they're looking at the spectators' area and how many people would be able to be there at one time. I'm sure that during the planning stage, all that is going to be encompassed in the report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Anything else? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Okay, that is good to hear. Another question I have is related to the same issue. The planning that has been undertaken, in discussing the issue with the planners, when would the design or the planning for the design be completed? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): The architectural drawings are going to be completed next year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): So the drawings will be done next year. It seems like there's \$200,000 in approved funds. That was in 2010-11. In 2011, there's \$100,000 that has been agreed to and \$500,000 is now currently being requested by your department. Is this \$500,000 going to be used for the design phase? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Yes, it would be used for both the planning and design phase. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. I have no more names on my list. We are on page H-3. (interpretation ends) Capital Planning Branch Summary. Total Capital Expenditures. \$21,753,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We will then move on to page H-6. Community and Government Services. (interpretation ends) Branch Summary. (interpretation) Petroleum Products Revolving Fund. (interpretation ends) Capital Expenditures. \$19,120,000. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we could read, we used to call it the pulling thing.

On H-7, I think it was last year or the year before when we talked about the aging tank farms infrastructure. They were going to renovate those tanks and paint them, and so on. I would like to see Repulse Bay moved up. Did you have to increase the capacity of these tanks in some communities? What does Repulse Bay have to do if they want to increase the capacity of their tank farms? How did you arrive at which community would get larger tank farms? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Ningark, for asking a question on H-7. We identified those communities for bulk fuel storage capacity increase because they couldn't meet the demand and they needed to change the storage tanks completely. Repulse Bay fuel farm is okay. Additionally, all bulk fuel storage tanks have room. For example, if the local fuel usage increased by 15 percent, there is room for that additional fuel. That is how it is set today.

So based on what we know today, these are the issues that are reviewed when they are looking at replacing the fuel storage tanks or when they are contemplating adding additional fuel tanks to what was identified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the hon. minister for that answer. Could you tell the House and me that there will be no need for an emergency refill in Repulse Bay this upcoming winter? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. He wants to know if it's just a guess right now. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It was unfortunate that we had to do an emergency refill in Repulse Bay. The tanks are filled now. If there are no unavoidable circumstances, we should be able to arrive to the next sealift. It

should be okay in Repulse Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On H-7, again along the same lines as Mr. Ningark's question on bulk fuel storage, this is the third year that there has been money in the budget for Sanikiluaq for planning and design for storage facilities. This year, there is \$300,000. Can the minister explain what this \$300,000 will be used for in this budget? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Rumbolt, that would be used for design. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the third year that money has been put in the budget for planning and design. Most other communities have two years of planning and design, and then they get funding for major construction. Can the minister explain why this is the third year for planning and design and we're not yet getting money for major construction of a tank farm? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I can, through you, have

Mr. Green answer that question. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Green.

Mr. Green: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the previous fiscal year, we spent approximately \$175,000 to do the feasibility study. The purpose of the feasibility study was to help us determine what the future capacity requirements would be required for the community over a 20-year planning horizon. Now that the feasibility study is done, we have issued the RFP to start the actual design of the tank farm in Sanikiluaq. As soon as we know what the class "A" estimates are for the construction costs, we would be coming back through the capital planning process to seek the construction dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Green. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Green for the response. It's no big secret that the community of Sanikiluaq has been having issues with fuel capacity over the years. This past summer, there were three temporary tanks brought in from Rankin Inlet to help with our shortages. From looking at the budget, there is no money planned from 2014 to 2018 for major infrastructure. So it almost makes it look like these temporary tanks are becoming permanent tanks. How soon can we see money in our long-term budget for the tank farm? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that question. Mr. Chairman, in line with the new capital planning process, as soon as we are able to get the class “A” estimates on the tank farm construction into Sanikiluaq, we will be bringing that forward through the capital planning process. As soon as we can find out close to exactly how much it’s going to cost, we will bring that forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Green mentioned a few minutes ago that they were looking at our needs for the next 20 years for fuel. At present, the community is using jet fuel also as heating fuel in our homes. Is part of your long-term plan to get away from using the same fuel for airplanes as you do for heating fuel? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Rumbolt, that is the plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. We’re on page H-6. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page H-7, I think it’s just part and parcel of the line of questioning. I would like to ask the minister regarding Chesterfield Inlet’s

bulk fuel storage capacity increase. Are we on time with the building of this facility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Ningeongan, yes, we are on time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. I have no more names on my list. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you. I have a question regarding Baker Lake. For 2013-14, \$3.5 million will be used. There are many hunters in Baker Lake now and they’re increasing. Once the mining company opens in that community, they are now purchasing more mobile equipment, vehicles, and snowmobiles. The private businesses are working with the mining company and the private companies now have vehicles and equipment. After hearing in Baker Lake how the funding is going to be used, can the minister elaborate further on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We usually plan for fuel tanks to make sure that the fuel storage capacity increases and they look at the population growth. After they look at all of these aspects, they have to decide as to what kind of capacity increase they should build in the communities. Each community knows how much fuel that they have utilized within the year. Population growth and

mining companies developing in the community or surrounding community are all included in the initial planning stage. We're almost complete with the design of the Baker Lake fuel storage facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you. In 2014-18, this \$100,000 would be used for fuel. What is your department doing to plan on the fuel storage capacity due to population growth? Do you continue to plan to increase the fuel storage when the population is increasing in Baker Lake? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier when I spoke about the planning process, we tried to plan ahead of time to make sure that there is enough fuel stored in the communities. We have tried to increase the fuel that's being stored in each community by 15 percent. We also use the community population growth. Likewise, with other communities and in Baker Lake, that's what we're doing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. I have no more names on my list. (interpretation ends) Branch Summary. (interpretation) Community and Government Services. Petroleum Products Revolving Fund. (interpretation ends) Total Capital Expenditures. \$19,120,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page H-2. (interpretation ends) Department Summary. (interpretation) Community and Government Services. Detail of Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures. \$40,873,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do we agree that we have completed the review of the Department of CGS and we're ready to move on to another department?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak, thank you for appearing before the committee. I also would like to thank your officials. If you have any closing remarks, I will give you an opportunity to make them, Mr. Minister.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. First of all, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank my officials who are here with me. I also would like to thank all the staff at CGS. There are many employees working in Nunavut as a whole. They work very hard and they face many difficulties and challenges. The road we tread on becomes a bit rough, but they continue.

I also would like to thank the members for asking good questions. When you don't ask questions, it becomes confusing of what the public wants. So we will be listening to your advice.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for chairing the meeting.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Thank you, Mr. Green and Mr. Lam. The review of your department is completed. Now you can give a sigh of relief. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Thank you. This afternoon, Mr. Aupaluktuq stated that we would like to deal with the review of the Department of Justice once we complete with the review of CGS. So therefore, I ask Minister Shewchuk to go to the witness table to make his opening comments. Minister Shewchuk.

Thank you. Minister Shewchuk, we will now review the capital estimates. Before we move on, Minister Shewchuk, if you have any opening comments, I now give you the floor. Minister Shewchuk.

Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014 – Justice – Consideration in Committee

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon to you and your committee. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to appear before the Committee of the Whole to present the Department of Justice 2013-14 capital appropriations.

The total amount of \$8.97 million is shown as being allocated for the Department of Justice capital expenditures for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The department's major capital expenditure is \$8,575,000 for the Baffin Correctional Centre Overcrowding Relief Structure which is to be built adjacent to the Baffin Correctional Centre to alleviate the current overcrowding situation at BCC.

Adult male offenders constitute the vast majority of all inmates in Nunavut. Their bed space requirements are currently not being met. This overcrowding problem has persisted over the last 10 years. The Rankin Inlet Healing Facility will add an additional 48 beds. However, a deficit of bed capacity will remain and, according to projections, will increase every year as the effects of Bill C-10 develop.

The committee will note that in the draft 2013-14 capital estimates, this relief structure is shown to cost approximately \$8,575,000. This estimate was based on a class "X" estimate. Class "X" estimates are preliminary estimates which the department obtained to give FMB notification of this project. The department now has a class "C" estimate which indicates that the total cost may be approximately \$15 million. There will be additional O&M costs required to operate this facility. It is expected that an additional 12 PYs will be required to operate the relief facility, with annual O&M costs projected at approximately \$1,542,000.

By the end of next month, the department will have a class "B" estimate, which will give us a much more precise projection of the actual cost of the facility. At this time, the department continues to use the class "X" estimate as a placeholder and will make a submission to FMB for supplementary funding once the exact class "B" figure is available. It is, however, anticipated that the total cost will not exceed \$15 million.

The overcrowding relief structure will be utilized in years to come to provide programming to offenders following construction of a new larger facility

replacing the present Baffin Correctional Centre. In addition to this project, the department also has \$400,000 set aside for minor capital expenditures. These are funds needed to cover regular costs, such as maintenance to existing facilities, vehicle replacement, and technology upgrades.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening comments. I would be pleased to answer questions from your committee members. Thank you.

Chairman (Mr. Ningeongan) (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Do you have witnesses that you would like to bring to the table?

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Yes, I would. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the committee agree to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you. Minister Shewchuk, please introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right, I have Deputy Minister of Justice Norman Tarnow, and on my left, I have Director of Corrections J.P. Dero. In the back of the Gallery here, I also do have Christine Bens, Director of Corporate Services, and Chris Stewart, Manager of Capital. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Welcome. I would like to welcome you, Mr. Minister and your officials in the witness table and along the side here. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness have opening comments? Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do have opening comments on behalf of the standing committee.

(interpretation ends) I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness concerning its review of the proposed 2013-14 Capital Estimates of the Department of Justice.

During the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee, members engaged in a broad dialogue concerning issues related to the territory's correctional system and facilities.

The standing committee notes that approximately 95 percent of the department's total proposed capital budget of \$8,975,000 is primarily allocated to the construction of a new tensioned membrane rapid deployment structure at the Baffin Correctional Centre here in Iqaluit.

Members will recall that in March of 2012, the Legislative Assembly approved \$700,000 for a supplementary appropriation to fund "the design of the proposed emergency overcrowding relief structure for the Baffin Correctional Centre."

The standing committee recognizes that the construction of a new facility to

completely replace the Baffin Correctional Centre would be a significant undertaking and is unlikely to occur in the near future. On December 1, 2009, the Minister of Justice informed the Legislative Assembly that “the funding for a \$100 million to \$150 million capital project of this nature would be very difficult to proceed with.”

Members note that the department’s proposed 2013-14 capital estimates indicate that the formal name of this project is the “Baffin Correctional Centre Temporary Housing Structure.” Given that it is apparent that the new rapid deployment structure will be in use for the indefinite future, a more accurate project title would be welcomed.

The department’s request for proposals for architectural and engineering services for this project closed on June 4, 2012. The request for proposals indicated that the construction tender for this project “shall close no later than March 20, 2013,” and that the department plans to “take occupancy of this building in March 2014.”

During the minister’s recent appearance before the standing committee, members were advised that the contract for this project has been awarded to Stantec Incorporated. The minister also indicated that the final cost of designing and constructing the facility may be approximately \$15.0 million. Information provided to the standing committee concerning this project indicates that the department will require between 9.0 and 12.0 positions to administer the facility at an approximate annual cost of \$840,000 to \$1,200,000 in new operations and maintenance expenditures.

In June of 2012, the Legislative Assembly approved a \$4,373,000 capital carryover related to the construction of the new men’s correctional facility in Rankin Inlet. During the minister’s recent appearance before the standing committee, members were advised that the department plans to begin transferring inmates to the new facility in December of this year, and that it will be fully occupied by early 2013.

Members note that the new men’s correctional facility in Rankin Inlet is designed to accommodate approximately 48 medium- and low-risk offenders. Although the opening of this facility will help to address overcrowding at the Baffin Correctional Centre, which currently houses approximately 100 offenders, members recognize that a number of factors, including recently-passed federal crime legislation, will continue to put pressure on the capacity of the territory’s correctional facilities.

The standing committee encourages the minister to provide regular updates to the Legislative Assembly on the status of the new correctional facility in Rankin Inlet, including any initiatives on the part of the department to explore options for expanding the facility. Members of the standing committee also look forward to reviewing the status of staffing, Inuit employment, and programming at the new facility during their upcoming consideration of the department’s proposed 2013-14 main estimates and business plan, as well as the department’s progress in transferring offenders from the Baffin Correctional Centre and repatriating offenders from outside of the territory.

During the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee, members raised the issue of outpost camps. According to information provided by the department earlier this year in response to a written question posed in the Legislative Assembly, there are currently six outpost camps operating in Nunavut.

Members recognize the importance of effective healing and rehabilitation programs in correctional facilities that will help enable offenders to successfully reintegrate into their communities. Members also recognize the importance of incorporating cultural components in rehabilitation. Outpost camps can play an important role in achieving these goals. During the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee, members were advised that approximately 10 inmates are currently located in correctional outpost camps.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee continues to support efforts on the part of the minister to engage his federal, provincial, and territorial counterparts to identify cooperative measures to help address our territory's needs in the area of corrections. Members recognize that approximately 40 to 50 offenders from Nunavut are currently serving their sentences at facilities in the Northwest Territories and Ontario because of lack of space in our jurisdiction.

In May of this year, the Government of the Northwest Territories released a report which indicated that the implementation of Bill C-10, which was passed by the Parliament of Canada earlier this year, would result in an additional 3,878 bed-days per year in the

NWT's correctional system. The Minister of Justice of the Northwest Territories subsequently indicated that the GNWT is considering no longer accepting Nunavut offenders at its correctional facilities.

In June of this year, our Minister of Justice informed the Legislative Assembly that Nunavut's Department of Justice has been undertaking work to assess the impact of the recently-passed federal legislation on our territory's correctional system. At that time, the minister indicated that he would commit to tabling information in the Legislative Assembly concerning impacts on Nunavut. Members look forward to the minister fulfilling this commitment.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee continues to urge the Minister of Justice to begin the practice of tabling an annual report in the Legislative Assembly on the state of the territory's correctional system, including current and comprehensive information concerning the number of offenders in territorial correctional facilities, outpost camps, and out-of-territory facilities, as well as an accounting of departmental expenditures incurred under agreements with other jurisdictions for the placement of offenders.

This information would be of benefit to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and would assist the government in analyzing and substantiating the need for new correctional facilities and resources. This annual report would also benefit from including detailed information concerning the effectiveness of the department's rehabilitation and treatment programs in reducing the rate

at which individuals in territorial custody reoffend.

Mr. Chairman, the department's proposed 2013-14 capital estimates also include \$400,000 for minor capital projects. These expenditures are primarily for upgrades to existing facilities and the acquisition of new vehicles. Members were advised that there are approximately 15 to 20 vehicles in the department's fleet.

Members continue to urge the departments of Justice and Community and Government Services to work closely together to address the issue of fire safety and inspections at territorial correctional facilities.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2013-14 Capital Estimates of the Department of Justice. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. I would like to remind the Committee of the Whole that I will allow you to make general comments and then you will be able to ask questions on the opening comments. Are there any general comments from the members? Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and the chair of the committee. On page 2 that they are 10 years behind. I think there's about 40... . This is the overcrowding problem that persisted over the 10 years and then it is going to have problems when Bill C-10 develops. I know that we have to be positive that we could achieve this, but the question that... . I'm not supposed to ask

questions, but the minister had a meeting with the two territorial ministers. I think they must have talked about Bill C-10 and what problems it might pose for Nunavut. Can I ask a question on the minister's opening remarks, Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Like I said, we will have the opportunity to ask questions when we go page by page. What I'm asking of the members is if they have any general comments. I will ask that if you could just do general comments at this time and then you can ask questions at the appropriate time, Mr. Ningark. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You have to tell me if I'm out of line; you can go ahead and do that. I just want to get clarification if that's okay. In the minister's opening comments on page 2, I want to know if you will allow me to ask the question that I wanted to ask, Mr. Chairman.

The facility that is going to be built is some kind of a tent. This relief structure would cost \$8.5 million. When they first thought about doing that, they would spend about \$8.5 million on those relief structures. It states that it could probably be about \$15 million. Mr. Chairman, just for my clarification, the concern that I have is that there's a big discrepancy between those two numbers. There's a difference of \$6.5 million. At the beginning, it was approximately \$8,575,000, and then when they did a study and estimate, they have approximately \$15 million that they will be spending.

Was it because at the beginning, you did not do a very good study on this relief structure? Is that why it costs that much money and now that you have done a better study, it's going to cost about \$15 million? That's a lot of money. I want to be part of the discussion and I would like to ask a question. How come it went from \$8.5 million to \$15 million in just a few months, even though it's the same relief structure? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. I just wanted to get some general comments from the members. We're on general comments, but I will allow you to ask questions after general comments are done. I'm not trying to stop the discussions or questioning, but I just want to make sure that we follow the Rules of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Tapardjuk, general comments.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome the minister and his officials. I am happy that you are at the witness table to give us some clarity on the questions that we might pose to you.

First of all, while we're in the discussion in Committee of the Whole, we are dealing with the Department of Justice. I think there was something written about the relief structure. They said that the relief structure will be used for a little while and then it will be replaced. It's a temporary structure at this time and they will build a permanent one after. First of all, I think we understood at the beginning when that relief structure is going to be built and then it was going to be replaced by a permanent one.

Mr. Chairman, the funding that is going to be used by the Department of Justice because it's very expensive... . If we have the people of Nunavut not commit too much crime, maybe it will get less expensive. I think they should at other structures that they can build because there are a lot of people who are in jail who have committed serious offences. There are also medium and minor offences.

It seems like the Department of Justice should do more for the inmates to take them out on the land. Is it maybe because there are too many *Qallunaat* running the corrections? It would be better for the inmates to have the opportunity to go out on the land. Maybe that way, they will not reoffend as often. It's very expensive to build buildings for the inmates. I think we have to try to look at other ways to heal the inmates. Outpost camps are for healing and to try and make sure that the inmate doesn't reoffend. It's very expensive for insurance to go out on the land. That's why they don't want to use the outpost camps as much.

To me, the money that is going to be used for the Department of Justice for correctional purposes... . I think the Department of Justice has to try to go through other avenues to try to rehabilitate the inmates. There could be outpost camps set up to try and rehabilitate the inmates more and to try to get them back into their traditional pursuits.

At the appropriate time, I will be asking questions to the department. Those are my general comments, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. I put your name on the list for questions later. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to provide some general comments as we begin our consideration of the 2013-14 Capital Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Justice is requesting \$8.9 million for the Baffin Correctional Centre Temporary Relief Structure. I am pleased to see that there is movement on this issue of overcrowding in our correctional facilities.

First and foremost, it should be pointed out that some of this overcrowding would be alleviated if the Department of Justice was not behind on the opening of the men's healing facility in Rankin Inlet. This facility was scheduled to be opened over a year ago, but to date, it has not housed one inmate.

In questions raised in the House during the spring's sitting, we were led to believe the facility was to open in September of 2012, but as previously mentioned, to date, it has housed no inmates. Perhaps the delays are due to the pent up demand of capital projects that the Minister of Finance has stated in his fiscal update.

In regard to the Baffin Correctional Facility, this facility has had chronic overcrowding as it was originally designed for 66 inmates, yet at times, it houses over 100 inmates. I have toured the Baffin Correctional Centre a number of times since becoming an MLA, and the living conditions are unacceptable.

Our inmates are overcrowded and this creates an unstable environment for the inmates, caseworkers, and correction officers.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to extend a special thank you to our caseworkers and correction officers who work in our correction facilities on a daily basis. At times, they must feel we are not hearing their concerns and issues, but I would like to assure them that we are listening and that we appreciate the very good work they do under the conditions they have. That is why I am happy to see movement on dealing with the issue of overcrowding through the construction of the Baffin Correctional Centre Temporary Relief Structure.

I strongly feel that people from our communities want justice matters to be dealt with closer to home, where individuals have support from family, friends, and the community. Many MLAs have spoken on the need for supporting more on-the-land programs which allow inmates to reconnect with the land and start their journey to healing.

Mr. Chairman, I will continue to advocate for early and accurate assessment of our inmates so that they do not continue to be stuck in a cycle which sees them in and out of our correctional facilities. The trend which we are seeing across the country and which I am sure exists in our territory is that a majority of our inmates suffer from mental health issues that have not been diagnosed early enough to have them receive the help and assistance needed to keep them from incarceration.

In continuing with this thought, I often feel the people who have become involved in the justice system need our help more and should be surrounded by the community to receive our support and attention, yet too often, we see them sent out of our communities to be locked up. Unfortunately, from what I understand of the new federal crime legislation, Bill C-10 will add to this cycle of incarceration. That is why an emphasis on prevention will be more important to our territory.

Mr. Chairman, during the page-by-page consideration of the capital estimates for the Department of Justice, I will be asking questions regarding the men's healing facility and the new Baffin Correctional Centre Temporary Relief Structure.

In conclusion, my constituents appreciate the work of the Department of Justice and I would like to thank them for their hard work.

At the community level, I would also like to thank and commend our local justice committees and community justice outreach workers for their hard work and dedication in providing alternate solutions for individuals in the community.

In Arctic Bay, we are pleased to finally have a probation officer to help monitor individuals on probation. Unfortunately, this is a casual position and hopefully the hiring process will follow to have a permanent indeterminate employee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. (interpretation ends) I have Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister. I can understand the minister's portfolio. It's very hard to determine how we can correct the people who constantly go to the correctional facilities. We have to help them out. I know that now by the people of Nunavut. You can commit so many crimes because this is not a part of our way. Such things as drugs and alcohol are coming into our territory in large volumes. As a government, we have a job and there are all kinds of stuff that could be utilized to make sure that the people stay out of trouble.

There are not enough programs for people to stay out of trouble here in Nunavut. There are so many people in the communities who don't have a vision of a better life because they don't have any employment and they're depressed. Their family ties are severed. As members, are we doing something to help those inmates or people who might get into trouble? The reason why there is overcrowding in jails is due to the trouble that inmates get into because of lack of programs, and this is dangerous.

The concern that I have is in the minister's opening comments, he stated that treating them as class "X" may not be adequate, but the request was made to FMB for \$8.5 million. That is unacceptable. (interpretation ends) That is not right, (interpretation) as far as we're concerned. If they request money for the Baffin Correctional Centre, the estimates should be far closer to the amounts for actual construction. It's nearly a 50 percent difference that was submitted to FMB. Here's my colleague concerned about the Rankin Inlet arena because of differences between substantiation sheets and that is treated

as something serious. These are not even substantiation sheets in here. There's about a 40 or 50 percent difference in those amounts.

I think that the minister could probably work on it, go to FMB, get a better budget, and then give us the information. We're not just going to approve \$8.9 million. Even the \$15 million might not be enough. That's supposed to be the total cost and that's what the Auditor General usually wants, an accurate figure. I'm not exactly sure what we're going to be approving. He mentions the \$8.9 million in his opening comments under the third paragraph. Are we going to approve the \$15 million? It's kind of confusing. I want a more accurate figure.

Mr. Chairman, those are the types of questions I will be asking when we get to the appropriate pages in the capital estimates. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Last on my list is Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page 2 of the minister's opening comments, the minister stated, "The Rankin Inlet Healing Facility will add an additional 48 beds." There are about 50 inmates that are outside of Nunavut. In the Baffin Correctional Centre, there are about 54 or 34 more people who are in there, which creates overcrowding. They're already overcrowded in there.

I would like to ask the minister... . There are maximum-security, medium-security, and low-risk offenders. There are three different types of offenders who are housed in the facilities. Have

you thought about those inmates who will be housed in a maximum-security facility in Nunavut? Have you been thinking about opening a maximum-security facility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. I would like to give you equal opportunity. You will be able to ask questions on the opening comments at the appropriate time. I will add you to the list. We're on general comments at this time. Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and his officials for appearing before us. I have some comments to make regarding the minister's opening remarks.

There are things that we have to do while we're looking after our inmates. In Nunavut, there has been a lot of criminal activity that we hear and we don't have any plans in place. Not just for the Department of Justice, but there are also things that we can do to help each other to make sure that the inmates do not reoffend. Even if they don't want to reoffend, they do. They have problems in their life. That's why they go to jail. Due to this, it's going to be continuing.

The young people who are our future, we have to fix something for them. There are a lot of things that we can do for our young people, instead of spending their time in jail. There are no programs to ensure that people don't end up going to jail. You can see it, even though it's not part of their job. You have to counsel them in a traditional way. It's not included in the Department of Justice. Maybe they wouldn't

reoffend as much if we could use the traditional way of healing people.

There are no programs in place to counsel people who might reoffend. We can tell them to have a better life. You will have a better life if you do this and that, and we won't have to spend as much money. It's not just for young people, but anyone can make a mistake. We can go to jail too, not just the young people. We think about young people when we talk about jail facilities. Sometimes you don't think about the problems that we have. There should be programs in place to help people from trying to stay in jail.

I will have some questions after, and these are my general comments at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. I have no more names on my list. For your information, I will begin with the people who had questions to the minister. We will start with page C-3 under Directorate. Total Capital Expenditures. \$400,000. I will allow the members who had questions on the opening comments to start off first. The first person who wanted to ask questions is Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you for recognizing me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't want our constituents in Nunavut and in Canada to misunderstand us, but because crime is very high in Nunavut, there is violence in the homes. It cannot happen too much anymore because of Bill C-10. Yes, we agree with the federal government. We want to be able to punish or to put people who involve themselves in criminal activities in jail.

The minister stated that there's not enough room in the correctional facilities. Yes, we have to help out because it's too much for the staff that work in those facilities to have that many inmates. As well, there's a lot of overcrowding in private homes. That's part of what happens, people getting into criminal activities, not just in the homes, but also in the recreational facilities.

Mr. Minister, you stated that there's overcrowding in the facilities in Nunavut. Also, when Bill C-10 passes, it's going to get worse. When you had a meeting with the Yukon and the NWT ministers of justice, did you ask the federal government...? At that meeting, did you want to work with the federal government and did you ask for more funding for those facilities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Ningark, for the question. First of all, I would like to say, in listening to the opening comments, that I really feel and see the genuine concern about offenders and inmates that we have in the territory.

I also would like to touch on something that I think is very important to all of this and actually the key to all of this is crime prevention and keeping people from going to these facilities in the first place. I think everybody has touched on that and said that. Again, that is the responsibility of all of us as parents, community members, government, the RCMP involved, and us as the justice system and in the corrections program we offer to rehabilitate people not to

come back there. The first thing is to try and not have them going there in the first place. If I have a message to send across Nunavut, that would be the message. We all have a role to play. We need to support young people and all people who have whether it's mental illness or any other type of illness or issues, that we be there for them and talk to them and help them as much as we can before they get into trouble.

In regard to your question, meeting with the other ministers, recently, we had meetings in the Yukon. The federal government wasn't at those meetings, but my territorial counterparts were. At the last federal meeting I was at with FPTs, absolutely, we voiced our concern about our issues and challenges with corrections to the federal government. We're up-keeping and that dialogue is ongoing continually for them to assist us in our situation and challenges that we have.

The Yukon and the NWT are not in the same situation at all that we are in. When I was in the Yukon, I toured their new corrections centre. It's state-of-the-art, brand new, they built it with a long-term view in mind, and they have plenty of space, even to handle the increase in inmates due to Bill C-10. The Northwest Territories is in the same situation. They have lots of room to handle whatever they perceive happening. Here in Nunavut, we are not, not at all.

This initiative that we're going forward with and asking for your support is at a critical stage. What's at stake here is the safety and well-being of the people we have in our systems. Mr. Chairman, it is a very serious state that we're at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. (interpretation ends) For the benefit of members, (interpretation) we were making the list of members who would like to ask questions in the order that the members raised their hand. Mr. Enook, you now have the floor.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So that I'm understood, as Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Nunavut government and Nunavummiut, it is obvious that we have to come to some kind of an agreement to make sure that the correctional system is in place and we have to keep that dialogue open to make sure the safety issues are included.

When we first heard about that temporary shelter, we were opposed to it, but if there's a possibility that it can be used in the future for some type of program, should a new structure be built, then that would be perfectly fine.

Mr. Chairman, my question for further clarity and if it can help further support the project, there's the \$8.5 million that we were talking about and it looks like it's going to be increased up to \$15 million. There's also the operations and maintenance. I would just like to know how or why it increased so dramatically. It's not that I'm opposed to it; I just want to know the reasoning behind it or what happened in there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for that question because it's a very

important and valid question. In fact, I had the same question when we came forward with this.

As you well know, this has come with some urgency and expediently to the standing committee and through the capital process. We needed a class “X” estimate to get this on this year’s capital planning process. That class “X” estimate was just that. I can say it was a quick estimate by square footage of the building that it would cost to put up. There needs to be a lot more input and work put into it than that, though.

There needed to be, first of all, going ahead with the planning and design, and then, “What do you need in this structure?” You need security. You need cells. You need specific rooms for medical care, for all of these things after that got incorporated into the planning and design, so the price is going up. When this was put on the capital plan, all we had was a class “X.” When I went to the standing committee to report to the standing committee, we had a class “C,” which has much more detail. At that point in time, we estimated approximately \$13.2 million.

When we have a class “A” estimate, we are saying here today it will not be over \$15 million; it might be substantially less than \$15 million. Right now, we are sitting at a class “C” estimate. By the end of November, we will have a class “B” estimate, which is going to need to be refined out even further and we will have an actual cost.

If I can just add into this, what Mr. Curley said earlier about what we are approving here, we are here approving the \$8.5 million. There is no question.

That’s what’s on the books. What I am prepared to do as the minister, and I wanted to do in the honour of openness and transparency, is let all members know exactly what the cost of this structure is going to be and what it’s going to cost to operate so that we all know in advance. That’s what I’m proposing today. You will know that we will be back in the winter sitting with a supplemental bill for approximately \$6 million. You will know that that’s going to be coming if we get approval for this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. The third name on my list is Mr. Tapardjuk and then Mr. Curley will be next. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we on pages C-3 and C-4 or are we in Corrections already? We keep referring back to the correctional issue, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. In the general comments, there were some individuals who wanted to ask questions along the correctional line. Once we’re done with that, we will move on to C-4. Right now, the floor is open for questions and we are on page C-3. Directorate. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There’s a breakdown here totalling \$300,000. It states here that they are looking at purchasing some vehicles. How many vehicles are we talking about? How many vehicles do they have now? So they’re requesting an additional two vehicles. It’s \$32,000 for the community residential centre. Could the minister respond to my question and why they’re

requesting a vehicle? The next question is: how many vehicles are in usage right now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we are replacing vehicles. I'll let J.P. add more detail on where they are and whatnot. There are many vehicles in the Department of Justice. I think it's a replacement for five vehicles. Vehicles in our operation in justice are replaced every five to seven years because of the usage, mileage, and weather that they have to endure to get through.

As a fleet of vehicles, I don't have that in front me, but I did write a letter to the chair of the standing committee very recently with an inventory of all justice vehicles. I don't know if the chair got that yet or not, but I supplied that information to the standing committee very recently. J.P. can maybe expand more on that, if you would like, J.P.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Mr. Deroy.

Mr. Deroy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a full inventory of our vehicles over here. The reason we're showing so many vehicles on this sheet is because we use the small capital to repair and update some of our buildings. We have many buildings, more and more buildings across the territory right now, and we try to catch up. \$400,000 seems to be a lot of money, but when you have so many buildings, it's expensive to operate and the use of it.

This here, we focused a little more on vehicles because some of these vehicles, although we have a policy of replacing the vehicles every five to six years, some of these vehicles are 10 to 15 years and they are more expensive to fix currently than it is to buy something new. That's why we have so many vehicles this year. We focused on that.

Next year, we're going to try to maybe throw a little money on some other maintenance of other buildings. That's including snowmobiles and boats. We have about 18 vehicles across the territory right now, one boat for the land program at the Baffin Correctional Centre and approximately a dozen snowmobiles. That's why we're replacing some snowmobiles next year too because they're getting very old. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Deroy. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you. The reason why I asked that question is in your summary, there's a Kugluktuk Men's Healing Facility, and then there's two snow machines with \$25,000 set aside for it.

My question is in regard to the outpost camps. Don't they have outpost camps out there? When you have outpost camps, don't they get snowmobiles, boats, outboard motors, and so on? If we wanted to promote the usage of outpost camps, shouldn't they be budgeted for snowmobiles, outboard motors, boats, and so on? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A very good question. In the outpost camps that we have operating right now, that is the price of those types of equipment, whether it be boat, snowmobile, ATV, are negotiated in the contract with the operator of the outpost camp. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Do I understand that in the outpost camps, there's no capital expenditure set aside for outpost camps? They can only purchase those types of transportation modes by way of negotiations. What are the numbers that have been used for contracting outpost camps for their capital items, operations and maintenance, and so on? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do have the numbers, in fact. Anybody that we have a contract with operating an outpost camp gets \$12,000 a year for equipment to operate their outpost camps, whether that be an ATV, a boat motor, or a snowmobile. Just so there's clearer understanding, the other listed capital that we have listed is for our facilities where we offer the outpost programs on the land. There is money with the contractors; we give them \$12,000 each to purchase equipment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you. I wanted to get an answer to that question. That seems a bit low when we're talking about setting that amount. I'll keep referring to that item every now and then.

It looks like the Department of Justice doesn't put a priority on the outpost camps. I have another question. It's not over here, so I'll ask my question at the appropriate time. Once we go into corrections, I'll ask that question and leave it at that for now, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's almost six o'clock. I did have my opening comments, but we're going to be approving class "X" estimates and it looks like it's going to go ahead with that estimate. That's in the last page. It states that "the department continues to use the class 'X' estimate as a placeholder," and that seems a little precarious for me. I don't want to agree to something that is in an iffy situation.

I think it would be best if it was properly presented because I don't think we're going to build it this year and there's going to be a supplementary appropriation in the winter, not as a class "X" but as a "B," as a complete... So you're asking for \$8.4 million on a class "X" estimate and that will be submitted to FMB. Under which program? That temporary structure will only house 40. This class "X" estimate of \$8.4 million has been submitted. So how many additional placements would that include? I hope that makes sense. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure if I quite understood you at the end, but this is a class "X" estimate with the \$8.5 million. This facility is going to be built for 48 beds, 48 inmates. It's going to be a medium, low-risk facility for inmates.

You bring up the point that yes, we're asking for approval for the \$8.5 million, but in the interest of the process and in time, we do want to build this facility the next summer. That's the urgency with it somewhat. We would like to construct it and have everything approved by fiscal year-end so if it is approved, we could get all the materials ordered and construction started next summer so that we could build it.

In the interest of the process, this is the best figure we had when the capital process started. It's submitted in there, but I am telling you, as you well know and you brought to my attention too, really, this construction is going to cost closer to \$15 million than the \$8.5 million. The process that we could do that in is to get the capital numbers that are in the capital process approved and come back to you with a supp bill that you will be well aware that we're coming back for. It is in the interest of the urgency of the whole case that we have before you there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I appreciate that. My predicament is, really, that you're asking us to approve not a small

amount of funds based on class "X" estimates, which is an out of the blue kind of estimate. That's setting up quite a dangerous precedent to the legislature.

I believe we need to be presented with final estimates, class "C" if at all possible. The planning and design phase, I believe, does that. It's really not going to be too late at all if we come back with the actual figures to accomplish what you want to accomplish. I believe that we're not keeping with the guidelines the Auditor General has presented.

By using figures based on class "X" estimates, you're presenting something that is totally not complete, which doesn't involve in lieu of time. We still got a lot of time to complete final estimates to be presented, whether they be class "C" estimates or not. Class "B" is all right, but I don't believe using class "X" estimates should be the basis for getting Legislative Assembly approval process. That's my predicament.

I'm not at all opposing; I support this project. I believe we should do it with more credibility. I don't know whether you could do that this week or not by improving the actual figures. I'm not sure your planning and design is complete, which I think you could accomplish what you want to accomplish if you submit to us the total figure for planning and design, approved budget, and present the class "C" estimates in the winter session. You still have time to tender the project in the fall.

At this time, Mr. Chairman, it puts me in a very difficult predicament to be asked to approve, through the Assembly, the

class “C” estimates without a real backup. That’s my difficulty. I don’t know whether the minister can help me clarify that or not. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Curley and I do understand your concern completely. I really don’t know how to answer that, but my best answer would be that I would need to consult with the Department of Finance and see if there is a way of putting the proper figures on the proper pieces of paper that need to be there. I’m not sure if we can do that and have this come back this week and in front of the committee. Maybe at the end of the day today, I can discuss this with the Department of Finance tomorrow and see what the options could be in bringing this and moving this forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I do support the project fully, but I believe that the Auditor General’s office as well as the procurement process really require it to submit as much as possible the best estimates. If they are class “C,” that’s acceptable. I have never heard of any project being submitted using class “X” estimates and say, “Will you approve this, please?” It’s going to put us in quite a difficult place once the Auditor General sees that figure and starts seeing the escalation of figures. In view of time, I know this is complex, but I think we need a way out so that we’re not seen as just voting for class “X” estimates in the amount of \$8.5 million.

Mr. Chairman, in view of time, I do want to ask more questions tomorrow, so I would like to move a motion to report progress. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. There’s a motion on the floor moved by Mr. Curley to report progress. We will have to vote on the motion. All those in favour of the motion, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress to the Speaker.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out. Tomorrow, I want the committee members to know that Mr. Curley will be the first to speak during Committee of the Whole. Thank you.

Speaker: *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Moving on with our orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Ningeongan.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 41 and the capital estimates, and would like to report progress. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Thank you, Ms. Ell. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder for meetings for tomorrow; at nine o'clock, the Regular Members' Caucus will meet in the Tuktu Room, followed by the meeting of the Full Caucus at ten o'clock in the Nanuq Room.

Orders of the Day for October 25:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
 - Bill 44
18. Second Reading of Bills

19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

- Bill 41
- Bill 42
- Bill 43

20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 18:04*

